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GASKET MATERIAL

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of June 12, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this response.